

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, please add the following paragraph after the title, and before the heading "Technical Field":

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is based on and incorporates herein by reference Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-48309 filed on February 24, 2004.

In the section titled "Disclosure of the Invention", please replace the following paragraphs as indicated below:

Please replace the Paragraph beginning on Line 25 of Page 3 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

In the above limiting device for limiting the relay welding, it is preferable to provide a power source relay circuit that is connected between the power source and the boosting means, wherein the power source relay circuit switches between a conducting state for conducting the power source voltage from the power source to the boosting means and a non-conducting state for blocking the power source voltage from the power source to the boosting means, and to provide a power source relay controlling means for turning the power source relay circuit to an off state such that the supply of the power source voltage to the boosting means from the power source is blocked when the abnormality of the boosting ~~circuit~~means is detected by the abnormality detecting means. Therefore, the boosted voltage outputted from the boosting means can be rapidly decreased.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Line 9 of Page 4 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Also, in the above limiting device for limiting the welding, there may be provided a boost stopping means for commanding the boosting means to stop the boosting of the voltage when the abnormality of the boosting ~~circuit~~means is detected by the abnormality detecting means. This is because the decreasing of the boosted voltage may be facilitated in some cases by stopping the boosting operation of the boosting means.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Line 2 of Page 5 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Because the motor driving apparatus is structured as above, in addition to similar effects of the above limiting device for limiting the relay welding, the motor can be immediately stopped when the abnormality of the boosting ~~circuit~~means occurs. Therefore, there is achieved an additional effect, in which the motor or a peripheral circuit thereof may not be harmfully effected.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Line 7 of page 5 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

It is preferable that in the above motor driving apparatus the motor provides a steering assist torque to a steering mechanism of the vehicle, and that the controlling means operates the motor based on at least a steering operation of a driver such that a target steering assist torque is generated. There may be a case, in which the motor is abnormally rotated such that an intended steering assist torque intended by the driver is

not generated when the abnormality occurs to the boosting ~~circuit~~means in the thus electric power steering system. In order to deal with thus disadvantages, the above motor driving circuit can perform an emergency action, such as immediately stopping the motor when the abnormality of the boosting ~~circuit~~means occurs.